(ख) और (ग) देश में कोककर कोयले के भण्डार सीमित मात्रा में हैं। प्राइम कोककर कोयले के भण्डार बिहार के झरिया कोयला क्षेत्र के ऊपरी कोयला संस्तर में ही उपलब्ध हैं, जिनका उत्खनन एक शताब्दी से अधिक की अवधि में कर लिया गया है, अतः इनका लगभग परिसमापन हो गया है। उच्च ग्रेड के अकोककर कोयले के भण्डार भी सीमित मात्रा में विद्यमान हैं।

(घ) कोककर कोयले तथा उच्च ग्रेड के कोयले के देशीय उत्पादन में वृद्धि किए जाने हेतु यथा सम्भव कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं। कोककर कोयले की देशीय उपलब्धता में वृद्धि किए जाने के लिए उठाए गये मुख्य कदमों में निम्न कदम शामिल हैं—विद्यमान खानों के पुनर्गठन करके कच्चे कोयले की उपलब्धता में वृद्धि किया जाना तथा नई खानों को विकसित किया जाना। विद्यमान वाशरियों में संशोधन किया जाना तथा नई वाशरियों का निर्माण किया जाना ताकि विद्यमान वाशरी क्षमता में वृद्धि की जा सके।

सामान्यतः भूमिगत खानों में उच्च ग्रेड के कोयले का उत्पादन किया जाता है। उच्च ग्रेड में अकोककर कोयले के उत्पादन में वृद्धि किये जाने हेतु भूमिगत उत्पादन में वृद्धि किए जाने के प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं।

Child Labour in Bangle, Glass and Bronze Industries in Firozabad and Muradabad

768. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any prosecution has been launched against those who are engaging child labour in their bangle, glass and bronze industries in Firozabad & Muradabad; and

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey regarding risk of contracting maladies like tuberculosis, eye-defects and stunted growth, etc. of child workers engaged in these industries?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) (a) According to the information received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh, enforcement drives for the rigorous enforcement of labour laws in Firozabad and Moradabad districts have been undertaken. It has been reported that in Firozabad district 690 prosecutions and in Moradabad district 793 prosecutions have been launched against the defaulting employers.

(b) The districts of Firozabad and Mordabad have been funded by the Government for carrying out surveys to inter-alia identify medical problems faced by working children and grade occupations in which children are engaged hazard intensity-wise.

Recommendations of Kartar Singh Committee report

769. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether ESI doctors resumed stir towards end of May this year, to press for the Kartar Singh Committee Report;

(b) what were the main recommendations of the Kartar Singh Committee and how far the same have been implemented; and

(c) what further steps are being taken to implement the rest of the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The main recommendations of Kartar Singh Committee related, inter-alia, to introduction of two tier residency scheme, provision of free furnished accommodation to all resident doctors, one weekly holiday, counting of senior residency period for service benefits etc. According to the Ministry of Health, the recommendations of the Kartar Singh Committee are applicable to hospitals/institutions wholly financed by the Central Government. The ESI Hospital is

neither wholly nor partially financed by the Central Government. As such the question of implementation of the recommendations of the Kartar Singh Committee in the case of the ESI hospital does not arise.

Modernisation of Steel plants

770. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK:
SHRI SANATAN BISI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps to modernised public sector steel plants;

(b) if so, the steel plants brought under the modernisation programmes;

(c) in how many phases the Rourkela steel plant is being modernised and expanded; and

(d) the amount spent on the modernisation and expansion of Rourkela steel plants during last five years and also the amount proposed to be invested?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The public sector integrated steel plants brought under the modernisation programme are Durgapur Steel Plant, Rourkela Steel Plant and Bokaro Steel Plant of the Steel Authority of India Limited.

(c) The Rourkela Steel Plant is being modernised in two phase i.e. Phase-I and Phase-II.

(d) Government had approved in May 1992 the revised cost estimate of the Rourkela Steel Plant modernisation scheme at Rs. 3954 crores. The amount spent on the modernisation of Rourkela Steel Plant during the last 5 years is as follows:

Year	Amount (Rs. in crores)
1991-92	173.21
1992-93	350.88
1993-94	457.07
1994-95	870.63
1995-96	869.98

Identification of Blocks in Gujarat and Maharashtra Under PM's Scheme

771. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified some blocks in the States of Gujarat and Maharashtra under the Prime Minister's scheme in backward/tribal areas for providing the consumer goods at subsidised rates;

(b) if so, the details of the blocks identified and number of items provided at subsidised rates, so far; and

(c) the steps being taken to increase the supply of levy sugar and other items to these States under PDS?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The Revamped Public Distribution system (RPDC) cover 97 and 114 blocks in the States of Gujarat and Maharashtra respectively. The Central Government issues foodgrains to these areas at specially subsidised Central Issue Prices (CIP) at the rate of Rs. 50/- per quintal lower than the CIPs for normal PDS areas. The States have been advised to add not more than 25 paise per Kg. over and above the CIPs while fixing the end retail prices. The Central Government also makes allocation of sugar, kerosene, imported edible oil and soft/CIL Coke to States/UTs for distribution in PDS/RPDS areas.

(c) Allocation of levy sugar to States/UTs was being made at the rate of 425